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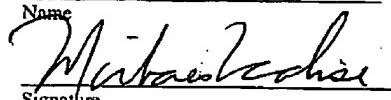
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In re application of : Probst et al.
Serial No. : 09/773,036
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21,
2003, the Applicants amend and remark as follows: